

AIR PURIFIED BY FRENCH CALMNESS

Incidents on Frontier Show Remarkable Assurance of Government.

CONFIDENT OF STRENGTH

Germany Seems Convinced That Her Enemy Has Superior Power.

Paris, May 10.—The two frontier incidents at Lunéville and Nancy, which were so cleverly taken advantage of by certain elements in Germany, quite close to the government, in order to stir up the laudable enthusiasm for the army and navy expenditures, seem to have purified the air, and there is no tinge of disharmony between the two nations.

That this is so is particularly due to the tactful and dignified, and, at the same time, firm, conduct of the French government, and as long, at least, as the present Cabinet remains in power, with the agreement of President Poincaré may very well say "Etat c'est moi," for he is beyond a doubt head and shoulders above any of his present ministers, who willingly bow to his opinions.

To the careful observer, the two incidents mentioned very plainly show the proportional strength of the two countries. Germany, who has already been feeling that France is the stronger, at least, temporarily, grew nervous and excited, while France, in the most calm and unconcerned manner, disposed of the two accidents in accordance with the knowledge of her superior strength. At Lunéville she did what anybody would have done in her position: she treated the German officers on board the Zeppelin with the utmost politeness, and simply asked them to give their word of honor that they had taken no photographs while passing above French frontier fortifications, while at the same time she used her opportunity of examining every detail of the "Z" which had fallen into her hands.

At Nancy, where excited Frenchmen to a certain extent were to blame, she felt strong enough to admit she had been at fault before any attempt of putting on pressure on the part of Germany.

The same course was followed by the French press, for while the papers of Germany lost their heads entirely, even a paper with chauvinistic tendencies like Le Matin wrote: "French public opinion will not tolerate a foreigner being molested on French soil, merely because he is a German."

Had the conditions been the same as when "Napoleon Petit" ruled France and France Bismarck was all-powerful in Germany we should now have seen the two nations involved in war.

In France, patriotism, especially in the frontier towns, is very strong, and dramatists have added fuel to the fire of hatred against Germany by such stirring plays as "Fritz le Uhlán" and "Cœur de Française," but so sure is President Poincaré of being able to keep down any anti-German outbreaks that although the government at first intended to forbid performance of the latter play in cities near the frontier, the play was permitted everywhere, though precautions were taken to prevent all demonstrations in all towns where they were apt to occur.

The play "Cœur de Française" is particularly dangerous. It tells of an old French servant who invents some-

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thing of the greatest importance to the national defense. He has shown kindness to a young man in great distress, and gives him the run of the house. The man treacherously takes advantage of the professor's absence to steal the plans, and strangles the daughter, who discovers him in the act. She is

not dead, however, and she swears revenge against the German lieutenant and spy—for such he was—who had acted so basely. We find her afterwards acting as a governess in a German general's family, obtaining possession of military secrets, for which she is condemned to a fortress.

KAISER IS OBJECT OF DEEP SYMPATHY TO ALL HIS PEOPLE

He Has Taken Krupp Scandals Much to Heart.

PROVES HARD BLOW TO TRUE PATRIOTS

His Joy in Forthcoming Marriage of Daughter and His Own Jubilee in June Have Been Spoiled by Denouement Which Shocks Entire Nation.

BY FREDERICK WERNER.
Berlin, May 10.—It is impossible not to sympathize with the Kaiser during the present Krupp scandals, which every one knows are far worse than even the socialist papers have found it wise to make public.

With all his shortcomings, there is in all Germany no more sympathetic or straightforward man than the Kaiser, whose chief fault is his impulsiveness. No man is more sensitive as to German honor, no man has done more to keep Germany's escutcheon spotless, and the revelations made by Dr. Liebknecht, son of the famous Socialist leader, in the Reichstag, have spoiled the joy with which the Kaiser looked forward, first to the wedding of his daughter, which marks the ending of the long feud between the Guelfs and the Hohenzollerns, and also to his forthcoming jubilee in June.

It would be hard to imagine a harder blow to the Kaiser than the indisputable fact that the house of Krupp, whose founder he personally befriended, and whose members he has honored on all occasions, have thrown disgrace on the fair name which Germany has always had in all their business dealings. To a man like the Kaiser, who is first of all a sincere and enthusiastic patriot, crimes such as these, of which the Krupp stand convicted in the eyes of the world, in spite of the War Minister's first faint attempt to cover them up, are beyond understanding, and in his inmost heart he knows that the members he has taken place in the palace when General von Heeringen, a broken-hearted man, tendered his resignation, and the Kaiser, moved almost to tears, asked him to resign the office until the fate of the army bill was settled in the Reichstag.

Another consolation are the many signs of the sincerest sympathy which the Kaiser is continually receiving from all classes of his subjects, even the Socialists, who recognize in this Kaiser the most sincere idealist, although his ideas are opposing their own.

Good May Come of It.
To a great many people in Germany it begins to dawn that good may still come from the Krupp scandals. They will give the word "patriotism" a new sense, since the people who have hitherto posed as the greatest patriots now stand revealed as swindlers and money grabbers without the trace of feeling or conscience.

I do not know, of course, how many details of this grave scandal have become known in Germany, but it is certain that in Dortmund there exists or existed a special Marine Intelligence Bureau. All the firms affiliated with this bureau made full reports to the bureau regarding their estimates. The estimates were discussed, and it was decided which firm would execute the order. When this had been fixed up, all the rival firms made fictitious estimates and were rewarded by a 10 per cent commission, while the successful firm paid out of additional profit. Vorwärts has published facts from all documents used by the firm, and no attempt has been made to contradict the statements.

It will take the armament firm a long time to recover from the blow for the mockery of the armament firm they will probably have to turn their mind to producing machinery and other articles, for there is a growing conviction that the government ought to undertake the manufacture of all armaments and eliminate the elements of private profit, and this it is felt, is only a step further towards the establishing of universal peace and arbitration.

TWO MORE BOMBS PLACED BY WOMEN

Post-Office and Railway Station Are Attacked by Suffragettes.

London, May 10.—Two more of the new familiar bombs with which the militant suffragettes are attempting to scare the British Parliament into giving the parliamentary franchise to women were discovered this morning. One of them was found in the passengers' waiting-room at the busy Lime Street railway station in Liverpool and the other in the sorting-room of the post-office at Reading. The fuse of the Liverpool bomb had been lighted by the perpetrator of the outrage, but it was not lit before it reached the gunpowder. The instrument of intended destruction consisted of a tin tobacco box filled with gunpowder and iron nuts, and the long fuse was laid in the centre. The Reading machine was wrapped in a bulky parcel, to which the attention of the post-office employees was attracted by the sound of ticking. The police were called in, and on examination found that the parcel contained an electric battery connected

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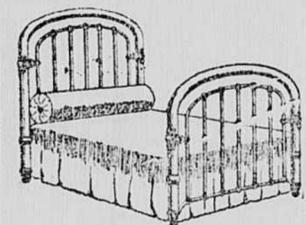
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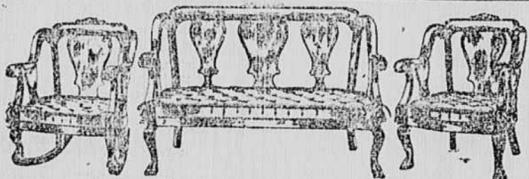
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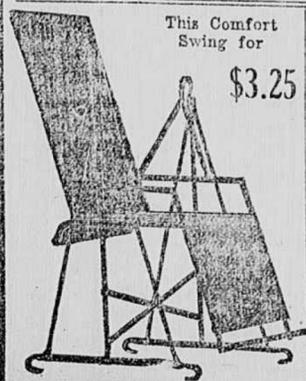
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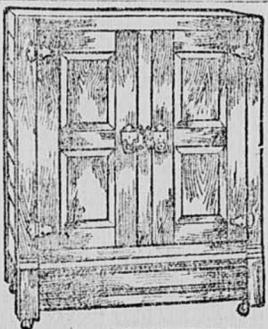
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HORNER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY.
Young Southampton Attorney Will Oppose Bain.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Boylkins, Va., May 10.—Guy T. Horner, a prominent young attorney of Southampton County, has announced his candidacy for the House of Delegates. L. J. Bain, incumbent, announced his candidacy some time ago, and it was thought for a time he would be without opposition, but it has been known that the friends of Mr. Horner have been quietly urging him to make the race, in view of the fact that he made such a fine showing two years ago, when he was one of four candidates.

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Fired by "Arrow Squad."

Newcastle, on Tyne, Eng., May 10.—"Dunholme," a large unoccupied house here, was fired to-day by an "arrow squad" of militant suffragettes, but they were alarmed by the approach of passers-by, and fled, leaving behind them petroleum and other inflammable materials. The fire was soon extinguished.

CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE.

All Records Burned and Sunday School Library Lost.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Fayetteville, N. C., May 10.—The Autryville Baptist Church, which was